

## Senate Bill No. 1698

### CHAPTER 681

An act to amend Sections 13998.5 and 13998.10 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1698, Ashburn. Military and aerospace enterprise development.

Existing law, until January 1, 2007, establishes the Office of Military and Aerospace Support in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, and sets forth its duties and authority with respect to developing and recommending to the Governor and the Legislature a strategic plan for state and local defense retention and conversion.

This bill would additionally require the office to conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in the aerospace industry and associated basic and applied research, and to provide a specified network designed to, among other things, increase aerospace enterprise in California.

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2009.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 13998.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

13998.5. The Office of Military and Aerospace Support shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop and recommend to the Governor and the Legislature a strategic plan for state and local defense retention and conversion efforts. The plan shall address the state's role in assisting communities with potential base closures and those impacted by previous closures. The office may coordinate with other state agencies, local groups, and interested organizations on this strategic plan to retain current Department of Defense installations, facilities, bases, and related civilian activities.

(b) Conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in defense retention and conversion across the state and provide a network to facilitate assistance and coordination for all defense retention and conversion activities within the state.

(c) Help develop and coordinate state retention advocacy efforts on the federal level.

(d) (1) Conduct an evaluation of existing state retention and conversion programs and provide the Legislature recommendations on the continuation of existing programs, including, but not limited to, the possible elimination or alteration of those programs. This evaluation shall be transmitted to the Legislature.

(2) The office may provide recommendations to the Legislature on the necessity of new programs for defense retention and adequate funding levels.

(e) Utilize and update the plan prepared by the Defense Conversion Council as it existed on December 31, 1998, to minimize California's loss of bases and jobs in future rounds of base closures. This plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Identification of major installations in California.

(2) Determination of how best to defend existing bases and base employment in this state.

(3) Coordination of retention activities with communities that may face base closures.

(4) Development of data and analyses on bases in this state.

(5) Coordination with the congressional delegation, the Legislature, and the Governor. With the consent of the appropriate authority, the office may temporarily borrow technical, policy, and administrative staff from other state agencies, including the Legislature.

(f) Serve as the primary state liaison with the Department of Defense and its installations in this state. In order to maximize the mission use of the installations, the Office of Military and Aerospace Support shall assist in resolving any disputes or issues between the Department of Defense and state entities.

(g) Review actions or programs by state agencies that may affect or impact Department of Defense installations or the state's military base retention and reuse activities and recommend to the Governor and the Legislature actions that may be taken to resolve or prevent similar problems in the future.

(h) Conduct outreach to entities and parties involved in the aerospace industry and associated basic and applied research, and provide a network to facilitate assistance and coordination for activities designed to promote, foster, and increase aerospace enterprise in California pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13999.2.

(i) Where funds and resources are available, the office may undertake all of the following activities:

(1) Provide a central clearinghouse for all base retention or conversion assistance activities, including, but not limited to, employee training programs and regulation review and permit streamlining.

(2) Provide technical assistance to communities with potential or existing base closure activities.

(3) Provide a central clearinghouse for all defense retention and conversion funding, regulations, and application procedures for federal or state grants.

(4) Serve as a central clearinghouse for input and information, including needs, issues, and recommendations from businesses, industry representatives, labor, local government, and communities relative to retention and conversion efforts.

(5) Identify available state and federal resources to assist businesses, workers, communities, and educational institutions that may have a stake in retention and conversion activities.

(6) Provide one-stop coordination, maintain and disseminate information, standardize state endorsement procedures, and develop fast-track review procedures for proposals seeking state funds to match federal defense conversion funding programs.

(7) Maintain and establish databases in such fields as defense-related companies, industry organization proposals for the state and federal defense industry, community assistance, training, and base retention, and provide electronic access to the databases.

SEC. 2. Section 13998.10 of the Government Code is amended to read:

13998.10. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends that date.